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1. CONFIRMING AMBASSADOR'S TELECON WITH DEPARTMENT LAST NIGHT, HE AND CALOGERAS LAST NIGHT REACHED AGREEMENT THAT GREEK GOVERNMENT WOULD ISSUE THE COMMUNIQUE UNILATERALLY. THE TEXT (SEE PARA 2 BELOW) WILL BE AS REPORTED REF B, WITH TWO NON-SUBSTANTIVE DELETIONS. COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED SHORTLY AFTER NOON ATHENS TIME (0900Z) FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

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THE DELEGATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC

REPUBLIC AND OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MET IN ATHNES FROM 2 SEPTEMBER TO 7 OCTOBER, 1976, TO CONTINUE THEIR NEGOTIATIONS ON THE GREEK-U.S. DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BASED UPON THE PRINCIPLES AGREED ON APRIL 15, 1976, BETWEEN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THIS SESSION WAS CHARACTERIZED, AS USUAL, BY A SPIRIT OF CORDIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION. AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED DURING THIS SESSION ON THE SUBSTANCE OF MOST OF THE QUESTIONS DISCUSSED. REMAINING POINTS AS WELL AS SOME TECHNICAL DETAILS AND THE WORDING OF THE TEXTS TO BE SIGNED ARE TO BE AGREED UPON IN A FINAL SESSION.

DUE TO THE COMPLEXITY OF THIS TASK, A SHORT WORKING BREAK HAS BEEN DECIDED UPON TO ENABLE THE TWO DELEGATIONS TO CONSULT WITH THE COMPETENT EXPERTS.
END TEXT

3. THE TWO DELETIONS FROM THE GREEK SUGGESTED DRAFT TEXT WERE THE NAMES OF THE DELEGATION HEADS AND THE FINAL SENTENCE CONCERNING RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS AT A MUTUALLY AGREED TIME. THE FIRST DELETION WAS IN ORDER TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE TWO GOVERNMENTS' DELEGATIONS, RATHER THAN ON PERSONALITIES; THE SECOND WAS FOR STYLISTIC REASONS AND TO AVOID REDUNDANCY.

4. IF AND WHEN ASKED, EMBASSY WILL EXPRESS ITS AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNIQUE. SPOKESMAN WILL ALSO, IF ASKED, STATE THAT THE US CONTINUES TO LOOK FORWARD TO THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THESE TALKS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

5. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THE ISSUANCE OF THIS COMMUNIQUE BY THE GOG TO BE QUITE SIGNIFICANT. BASICALLY, BY THIS ACTION THE GREEK GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKES A HEAVY PUBLIC COMMITMENT TO US AND IN GREECE TO COMPLETE THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS "IN A FINAL SESSION." THEREFORE, ONCE AGAIN, THE GOG IS ENDEAVORING TO PERSUADE US THAT ITS NEGOTIATING POSTURE AND ACTIONS ARE UNRELATED TO US DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROCESSES. THE GOG IS ALSO ANNOUNCING NOW TO THE PEOPLE OF GREECE ITS WILLINGNESS AND DETERMINATION TO COMPLETE THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE NEXT ROUND, NO MATTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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